

Sacramento Report



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Assemblyman, 46th District

No Boost in Fishing License Rates
There will be no boost in the hunting and fishing license fees which are now \$3.00. However, it is possible that the commercial fishing fee, which is \$10.00 per year, and the fish processor's fee, which is \$5.00 per year, will be increased. The State Fish and Game authorities have suggested raising both the commercial and processor fees to \$25.00, but representatives of fishing com-

panies are opposed to setting the fees higher than \$15.00. California Fish and Game Department Running in Red
The California Fish and Game Department has been operating at a loss for the last two or three years by dipping into financial reserves for operating expenses. Officials of the Department are looking for sources of which will obviate the necessity of running in the red because the reserves will be exhausted by 1956, and perhaps sooner.

I did not know that the Fish and Game Department had such a big financial reserve until I investigated the reason for the department's efforts to raise fees. Certainly, if this one department has a big money reserve, we ought to look into other hiding places for state funds in order to find a way to operate the State without recourse to bond issues or higher taxes. This is merely an extension of my tax-cut policy. It is true that any well-run family, business, or government department needs a financial reserve, but how big this should be is a question.

It is a small thing to write about, perhaps, but Assemblyman Dorothy Donahoe of Bakersfield has a bill to prevent the killing of wild burros. I mentioned the bill in a previous issue of this family journal. More than thirty editors to my knowledge picked up my comments and ran either editorials or feature articles on the subject. Newspaper readers bombarded their assemblymen and senators with letters and telegrams, urging them to vote in favor of the Donahoe bill. I believe that the bill will pass both houses and be signed by the Governor. It is a fine thing that we have publishers who are humanitarian enough to cooperate with me in publicizing this badly needed conservation measure.

Feed the Deer
Assemblywoman Pauline Davis, widow of the late Assemblyman Lester Davis, wrote a bill to provide for the feeding of deer in the winter when deep snows keep many of the deer from eating enough to live. Recently her bill passed the Assembly; I voted for the bill and believe it will pass in the Senate and be signed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 3062 has passed the Assembly, and may become a law soon. It includes punchboards within the scope of the

provision which makes the manufacture, distribution or possession of slot machines and similar devices a misdemeanor. Previously, loopholes in the law made it difficult for law-enforcement officers to get convictions. This bill effectively outlawed punchboards.

Jail Cleanup Bill
Assembly Bill No. 660, by Assemblyman Vernon Klipartich, authorizes a County Health Officer to investigate health and sanitary conditions in jails and other detention facilities situated in the County, and to order the Sheriff or other person in charge of such facilities, to correct conditions which the Health Officer deems unsafe or dangerous to the health of the inmates. The bill has passed the Assembly and will probably become a law soon. I am a co-author of the bill.

Eminent Domain Law Tightened
Eminent domain is the right to take private property for public use and may be exercised only through condemnation proceedings brought against the property in a court of competent jurisdiction. However, a city council, a board of supervisors, or some other governing body first votes on the matter. The present law requires a two-third vote of the members of the body. Assemblyman Julian Beck has a bill before us which increases the requirement to three-fourths vote, but there is considerable opposition and he may have to accept amendments restricting the increased proportion requirement to governmental bodies having 12 or more members, thus exempting many cities from the stiffer requirement.

In simple English, governing bodies can take your property for a public use, although you will be paid an amount determined in a court hearing. There are many injustices under the existing law. Assemblyman Beck's bill is a small effort to make it more difficult for a public body to take private property.
Homestead Rights Increased
The Assembly recently passed and sent to the Senate a bill which raises the exemption for family heads from \$7500 to \$12,500, and for single persons from \$3000 to \$5000, under the homestead law. This means that if you are sued for damages and lose, you can retain an equity in your own home to that extent. I shall explain this more fully in a subsequent issue of this family journal if you so request.

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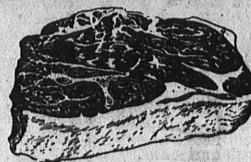
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